

MOTION NO. M2011-51

A motion of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority adopting the name of the Tacoma Link Station located at Commerce Street and South 11th Street.

BACKGROUND:

In 2010, the City of Tacoma proposed adding a Tacoma Link station north of Convention Center Station at the intersection of Commerce Street and South 11th Street to expand access to businesses, increase ridership, and improve mobility in downtown Tacoma. This station will be constructed and maintained by the City of Tacoma. The City's proposed station includes two 40-foot offset platforms and will accommodate one-car trains. The additional stop on the Tacoma Link system will increase headways by two to four minutes; as a result the number of daily trips will be reduced.

In September 2010, the Sound Transit Board authorized staff to negotiate a term sheet for the station. The term sheet requires that:

- 1) The City minimize impacts to Sound Transit operations and receive approval of the final plans and specifications by Sound Transit prior to construction.
- 2) The City mitigate bus and vehicular safety issues associated with this new station.
- 3) The City must comply with NEPA and SEPA as applicable.


In September 2010, the City of Tacoma took an action to name the station "Commerce Street Station." This name complies with Sound Transit's station naming criteria:

- 1) Names must reflect nature of environment: street names, landmarks, plus geographical locations.
- 2) Names will be brief and easy to read.
- 3) Names must adhere to a 30 character limit to insure compliance with ADA.
- 4) Commercial names should be avoided because they can change and prove to be confusing to the public and costly.

MOTION:

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the name of the Tacoma Link Station located at Commerce Street and South 11th Street is adopted.

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on July 28, 2011.



Aaron Reardon
Board Chair

ATTEST:



Marcia Walker
Board Administrator